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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q78424

Yoichi YAMADA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/717,204

Group Art Unit: 2852

Confirmation No.: 6216

Examiner: Ryan M. Gleitz

Filed: November 20, 2003

For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, METHOD FOR FORMING AN IMAGE,
COMPUTER-READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM, AND COMPUTER SYSTEM

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

Careful consideration has been given to the Office Action mailed May 26, 2005, and particularly to the Election of Species requirement therein. The following table indicates which claims are readable on which species:

| Species | Claims readable |
|---------|--------------------------------------|
| I | 1-19 and 22-24 (and 20) ¹ |
| II | 21 and 25-27 |
| III | 28-40 |
| IV | 41-54 |

Applicant hereby elects Species I without traverse, and respectfully requests the Examiner to examine claims 1-20 and 22-24.

¹ Claim 20 does not seem to fit within any of the species perfectly; Applicant believes it to be closest to Species I.

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Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,



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